

REMARKS**I The Pending Claims**

Claims 22-35 are pending in this application. Claims 1-21 have been canceled by this amendment. Support for claims 22-35 can be found in the original claims and throughout the specification. The claims are directed to methods using heterogeneous catalysts. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification as originally filed (*see* page 7, lines 1-8). Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

II Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application in view of the above preliminary amendment and remarks.

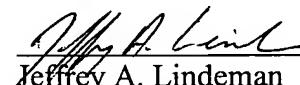
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EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be an CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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